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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Cassandra Davis

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, and 4-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Squires, U. S. Patent 1,730,790.

3. Squire teaches a map holder comprising an attachment piece or clamps (22, 23), adapted for coupling the map holder to pipe-like structure of a vehicle and a receiver piece or casing 10 coupled to the attachment piece, wherein the receiver piece is adapted for coupling to a display piece perpendicular to the Length of the pipe like structure

With respect to claim 2, Squire teaches a hinge means 26 for coupling the receiver piece 10 to the attachment piece or clamps 22 and 23.

With respect to claim 4, the attachment piece is adjustable to accommodate multiple size pipes. The clamps 22 and 23 are secured together using threaded keepers 25 to accommodate various size pipes-like structures 21.

4. With respect to claim 5 and 9, the keeper 27 allows the casing 10 with hinge means 26 to rotated clockwise and counter clock wise, wherein the clockwise rotation is greater than the counter-clockwise rotation.

5. With respect to claim 7, Squire teaches light 18 secured to the top of the casing.

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6. Claims 1-3, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Connolly, U. S. Patent 1,440,061. Connolly teaches a automobile license card holder comprising an attachment piece 13 adapted for coupling the holder to pipe-like structure 11 of a vehicle and a receiver piece 18 coupled to the attachment piece, wherein the receiver piece is adapted for coupling to a display piece 20-22 perpendicular to the Length of the pipe like structure 11.

7. With respect to claim 2, Connolly teaches a coupling means 14 for coupling the receiver piece 18 to the attachment piece 13.

8. With respect to claim 3, the holder taught by Connolly is made from a single strip of material A.

9. Claims 1, 2, 6, 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Binner, U. S. Patent 4,349,246. Binner teaches a clip attachment comprising an attachment piece 17 adapted for coupling the holder to pipe-like structure 19 and a receiver piece 13 coupled to the attachment piece, wherein the receiver piece is adapted for coupling to a display piece 12 perpendicular to the Length of the pipe like structure 1. Binner also teaches universal joint or ball and socket connector 15.


Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Shuen is cited to show a decorative and attractive exhaust mechanism with adjustable angles.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cassandra Davis whose telephone number is 703-308-2223. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on 703-308-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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